

Sunday, May 21, 2006

LOCATION: The Garley Fire is located on the southeast side of Mt Taylor on the Cibola National Forest adjacent to the Laguna Indian Reservation.

STARTED: May 20, 2006

SIZE Approximately 120 + Acres

CAUSE: Lightning CONTAINED: 0%

FUELS: The fire is burning in Ponderosa Pine including beetle killed trees and woody understory.

SUMMARY: Active fire behavior is expected for today as high winds and the influence of thunderstorms with downdrafts this afternoon. Red Flag conditions are expected for Monday bringing winds and warmer temperatures.

OBJECTIVES: Keep the fire away from the two microwave communication sites and from spreading into the steep higher elevations of Mt Taylor.

CONCERNS: This fire is burning in steep and rugged terrain; firefighter safety is the primary concern. High winds and erratic fire behavior is possible in areas where thunderstorm downdrafts occur. Microwave communication sites west and north of the fire may be threatened if fire grows significantly.

RESOURCES: The New Mexico Type 2 Incident Management Team (Linebeck) has been ordered to manage the fire. 4 Type 1 Hotshot Crews, 5 20 person Type 2 crews, 2 Heavy Air Tankers, 1 Type 3 Helicopter, 4 Type 6 Engines, 3 Water Tenders & other overhead personnel.

INCIDENT COMMAND POST LOCATION: Temporarily at the Mt Taylor Ranger District office.

For fire information across the region go to http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc

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